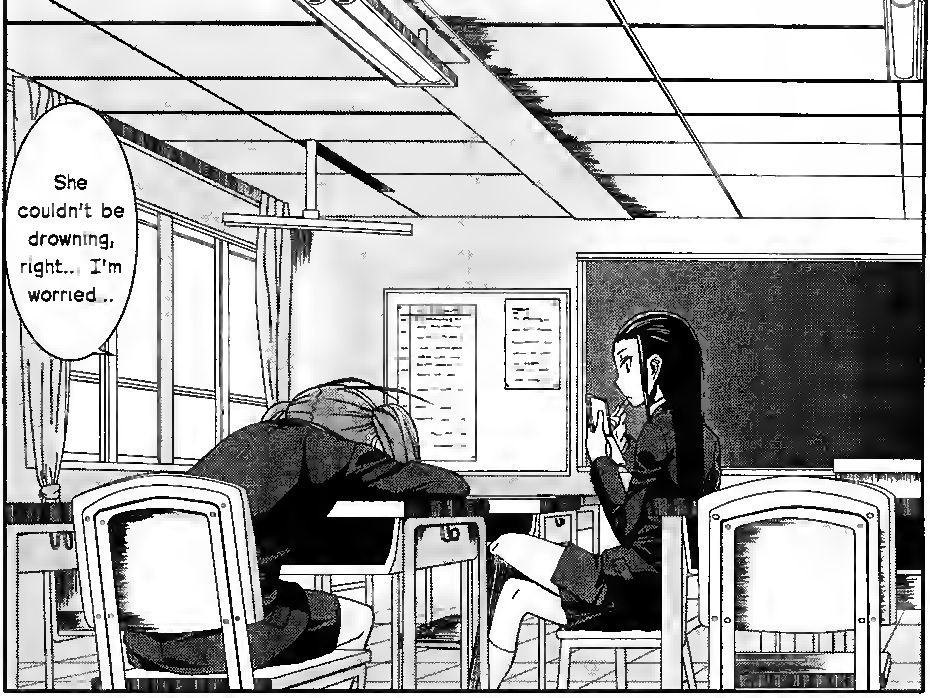
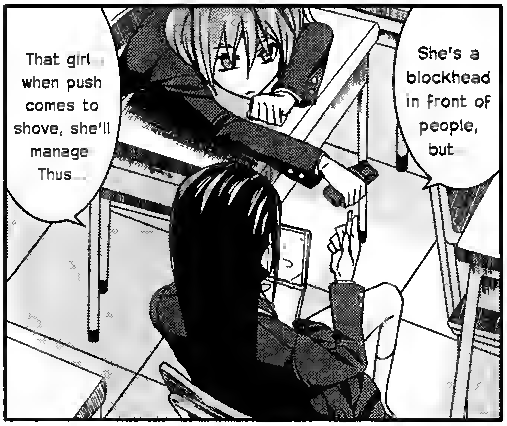
Chapter 22 : I Had Heard a Rumour

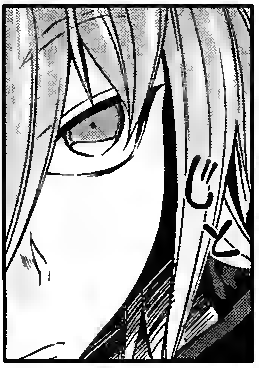
Waaaa-hhhhh...
Alice-sama...
...You're so late...


She couldn't be drowning, right... I'm worried...


That girl... when push comes to shove, she'll manage. Thus...
She's a blockhead in front of people, but

She'll probably do fine, right?

What?



lately,
there's this vibe like it's not that bad anymore, huh..
Oh nothing...
Even though they've been screwing so much with Alice-sama,
They were pretty evil before, but...
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These ones lately aren't that bad.
I wonder what has changed.
At first, they were unusually cute, huh.
You.
Got any parents?

lonely, painful...
Those kinds of ordinary things...
Not having any parents. It would be rather inconvenient,
What of it?
Generally speaking no, but...
They say, "Then... Please sympathize with me...",
but they still put on a gloomy face and act as if they are miserable.
...Talking about them as if they are super special...
Sigh...
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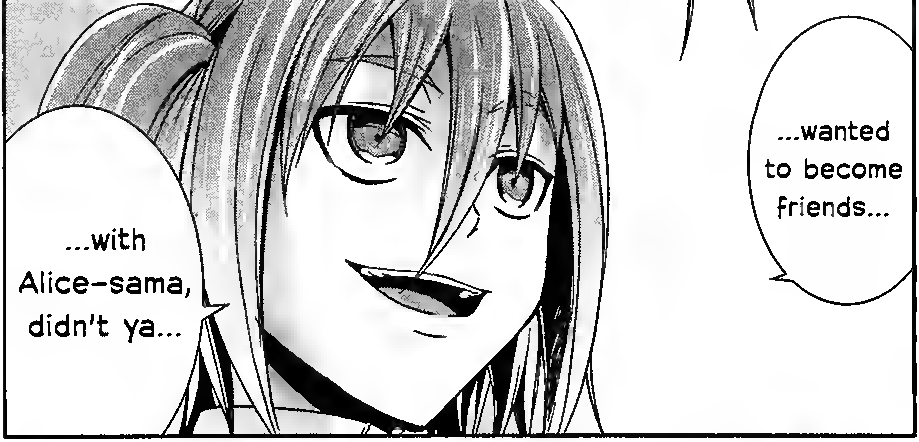
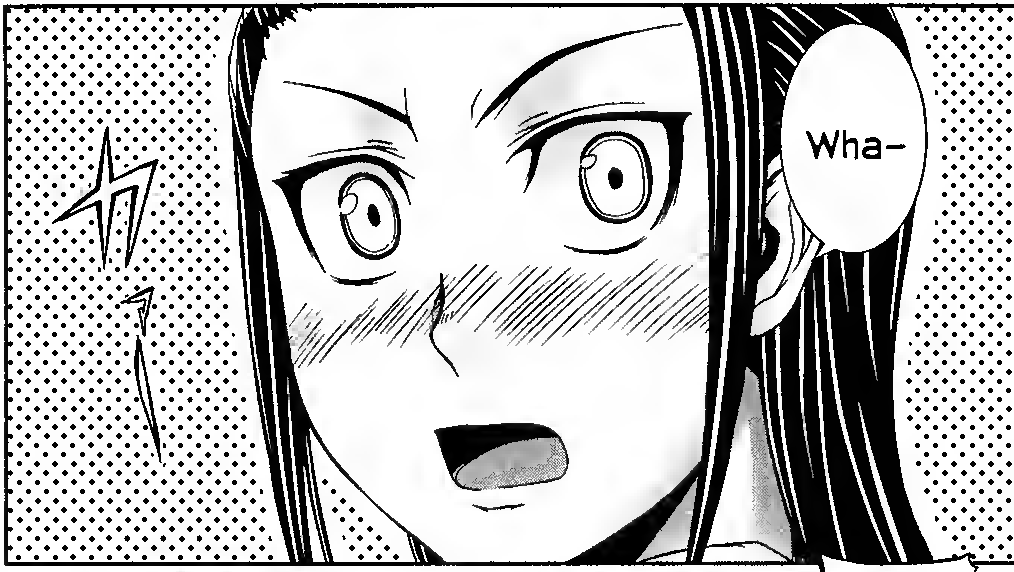
You really...
...You can't help but hate them!
Those good-for-nothing people...


...wanted to become friends...
...with Alice-sama, didn't ya...


Wha-

It has basically become the result we desired
Well... Isn't that just great anyways?

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, SLUT..!
WHA- I'LL KICK YOUR ASS!!
WOW... You're trembling so much!

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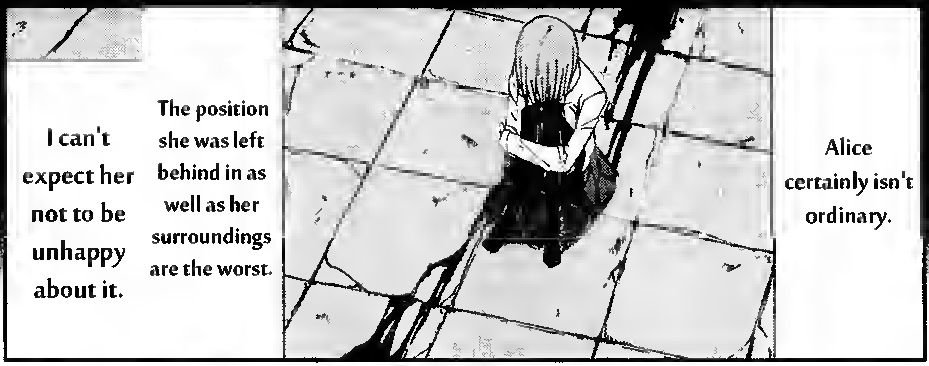
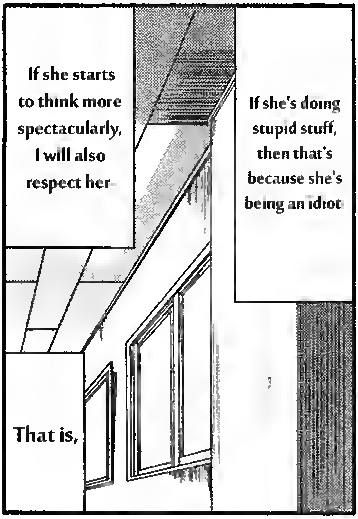
WAIT!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
IT'S DANGER-OUS!
Wai-

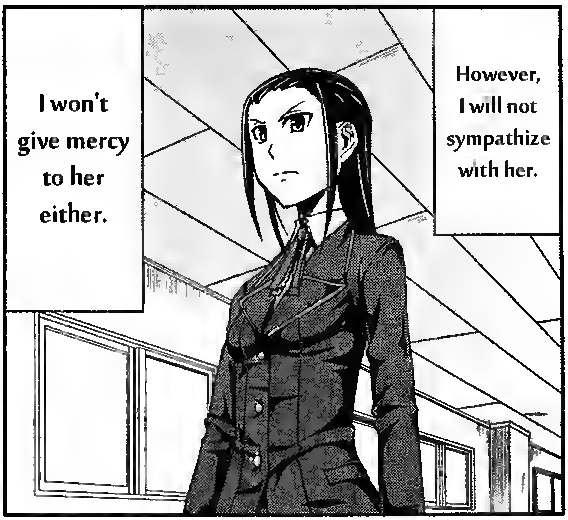
That's right.
I've been alone since who knows when.

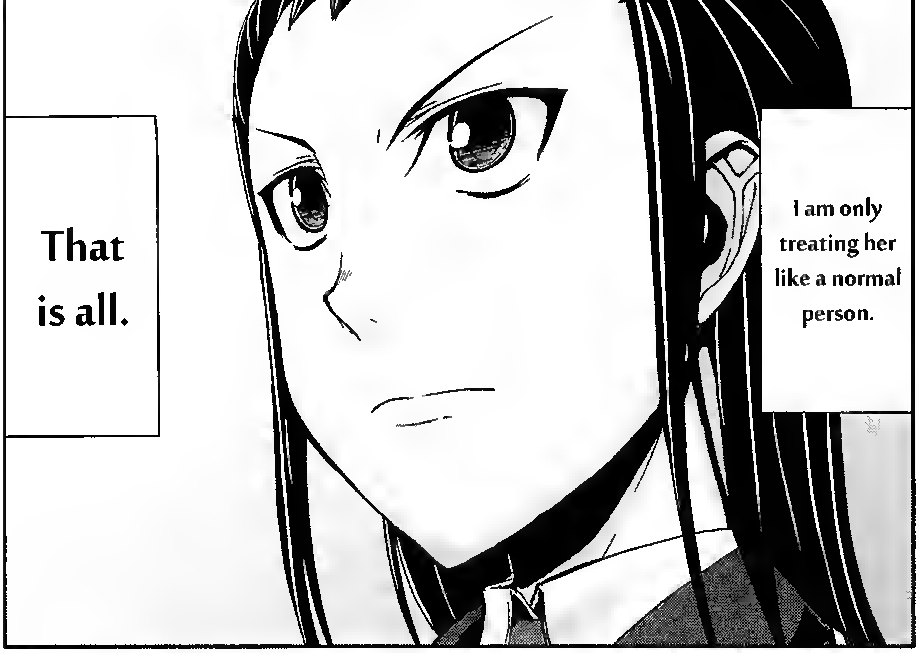
Back then as well.
That much was clear.
Now, I will be going off to a very far place.
I didn't cry.
That is fine, right?
You will have to survive by yourself.

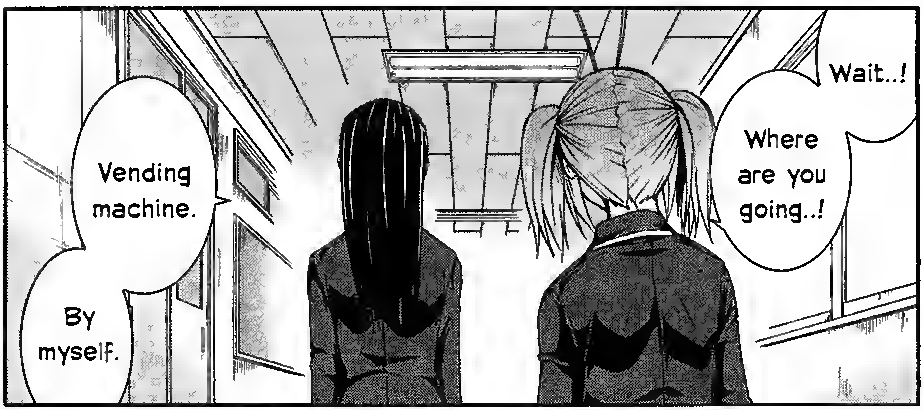
Yes...

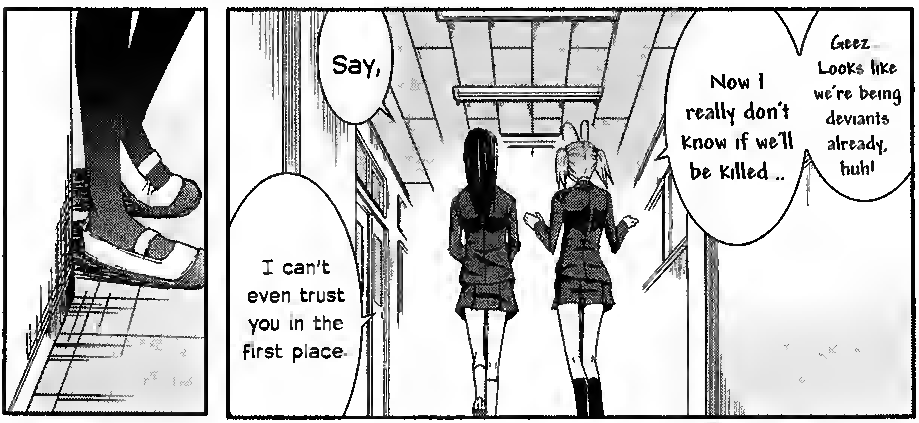

I can't expect her not to be unhappy about it.
The position she was left behind in as well as her surroundings are the worst.
Alice certainly isn't ordinary.


If she starts to think more spectacularly, I will also respect her
If she's doing stupid stuff, then that's because she's being an idiot
That is,


I won't give mercy to her either.
However, I will not sympathize with her.


That is all.
I am only treating her like a normal person.


Wait..!
Where are you going..!
Vending machine.
By myself.


Say,
I can't even trust you in the first place.
Now I really don't know if we'll be killed ..
Geez Looks like we're being deviants already, huh!

Foooound youuu...
Well... ♡
Riokku..?
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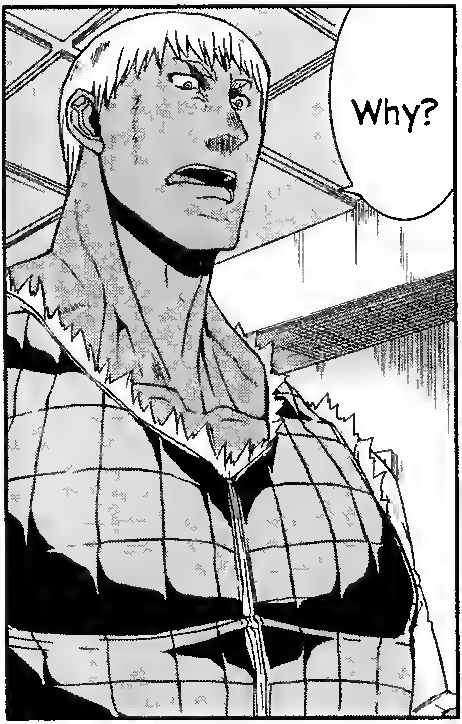
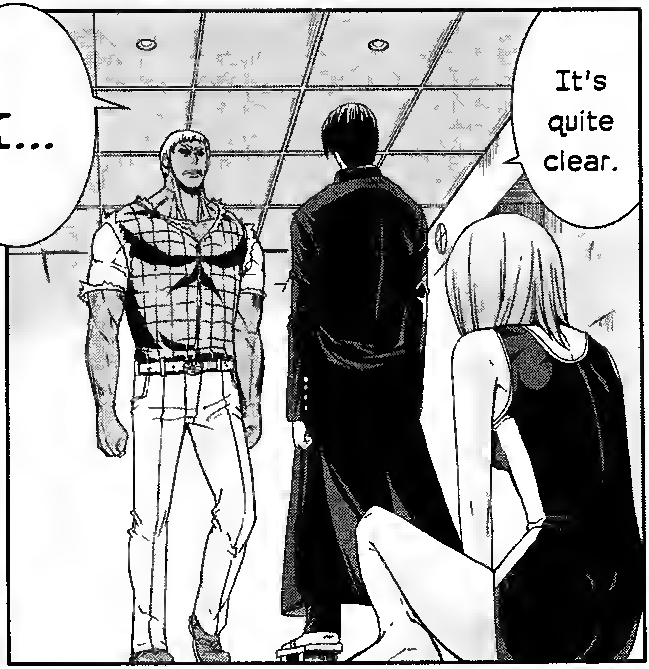
The strongest insect that the Kahen Rider was modeled after.
Riokku.
That would be me.

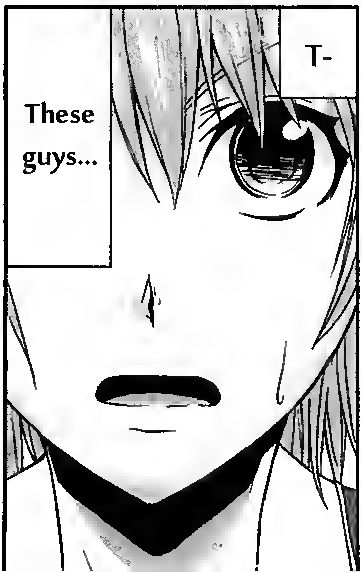

Why?

Withdraw now!
This will not be over-looked

I...
That is, Kamadouma...


It's quite clear.

I AM THE TRUE KAHEN RIDER!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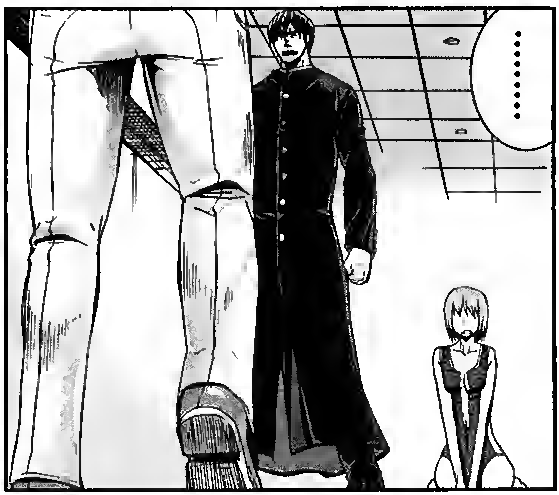
These guys...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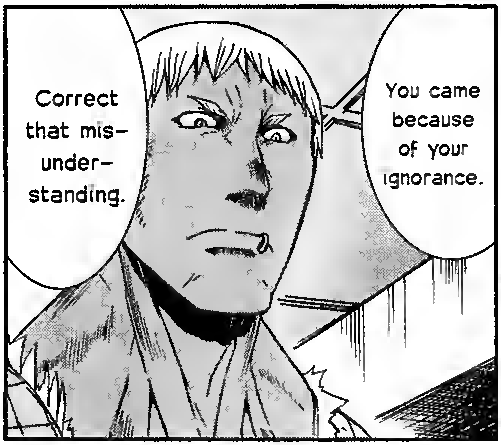
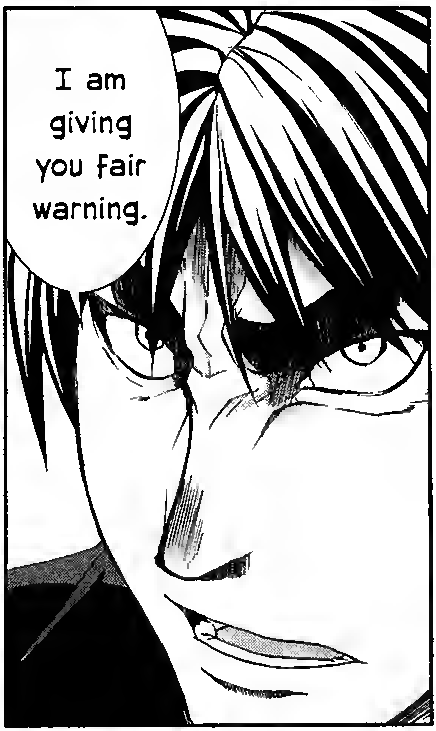
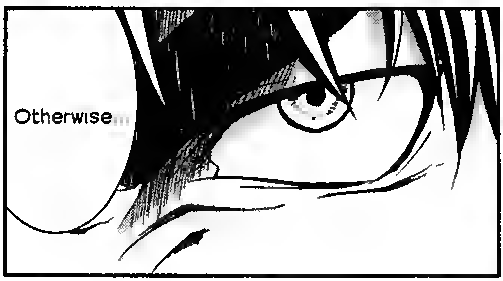
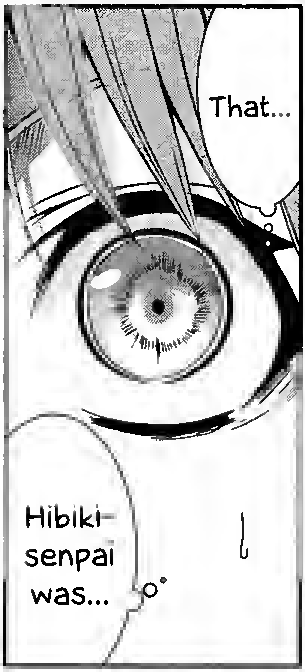
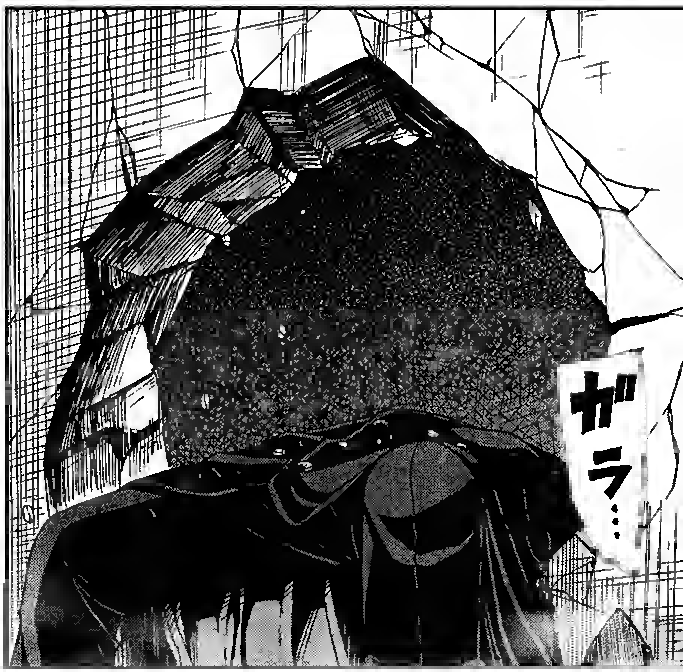
...are they talking about...
Just what...


Correct that mis-under-standing.
You came because of your ignorance.


I am giving you fair warning.


Otherwise...


That...
Hibiki-senpai was...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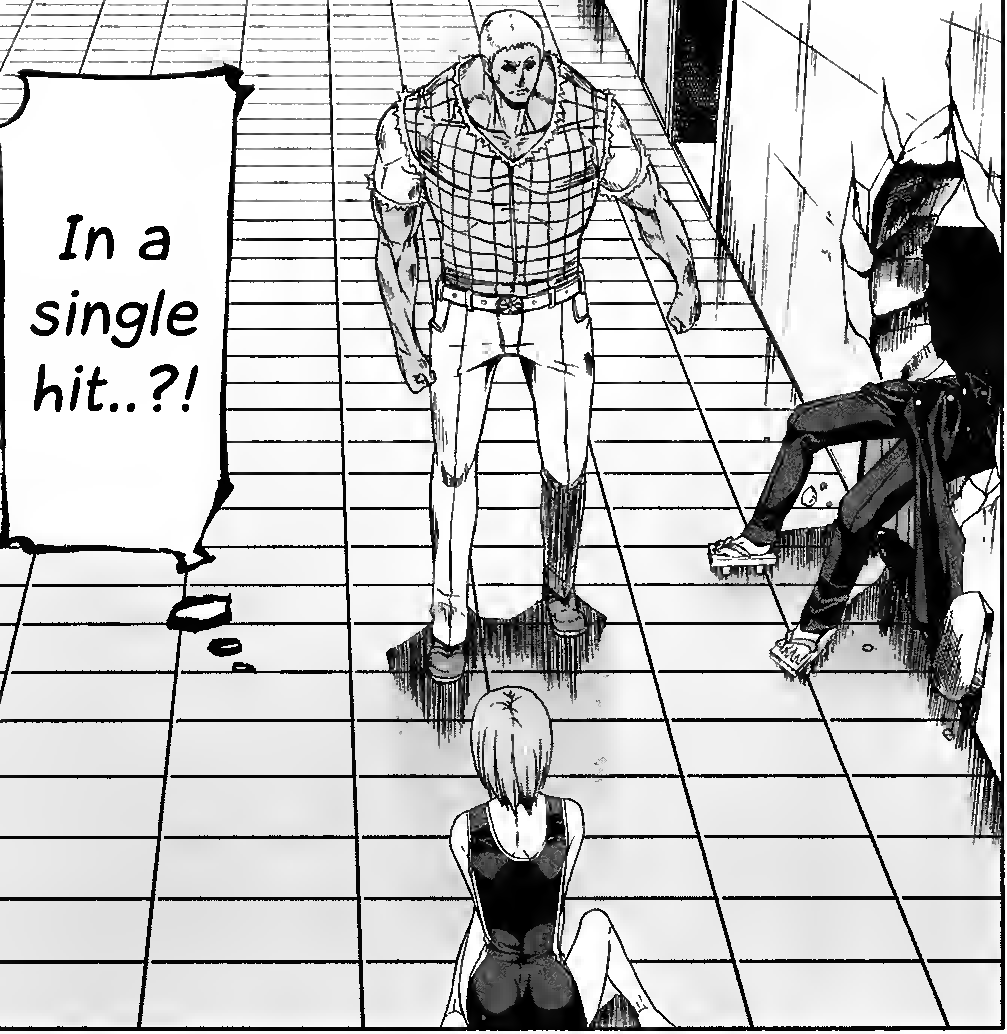
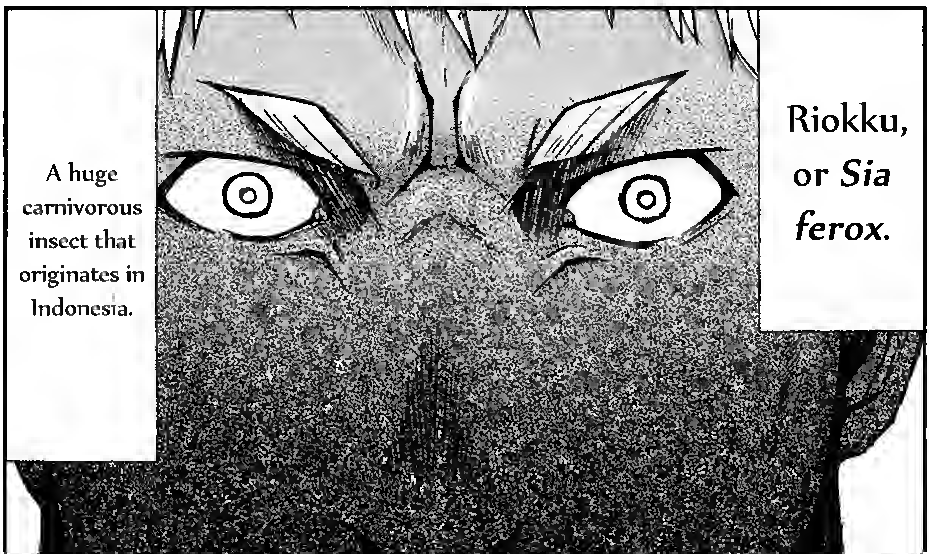
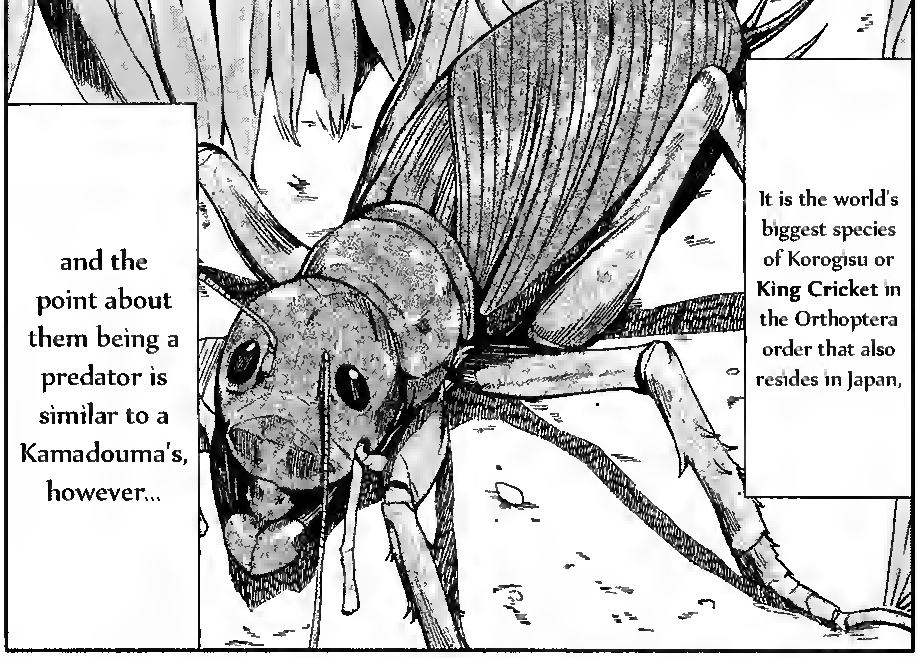
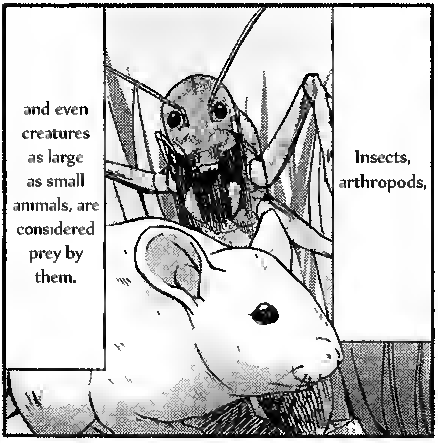
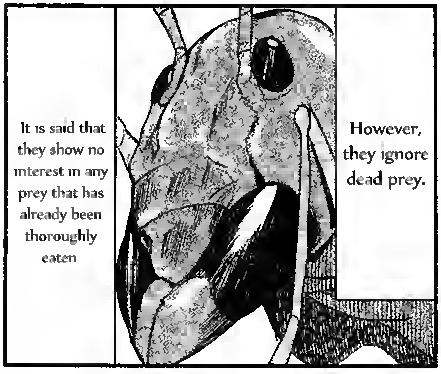
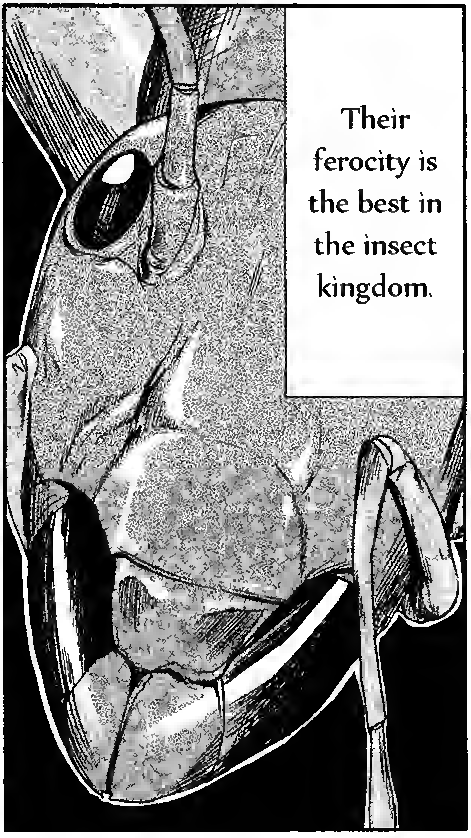

In a single hit..?!

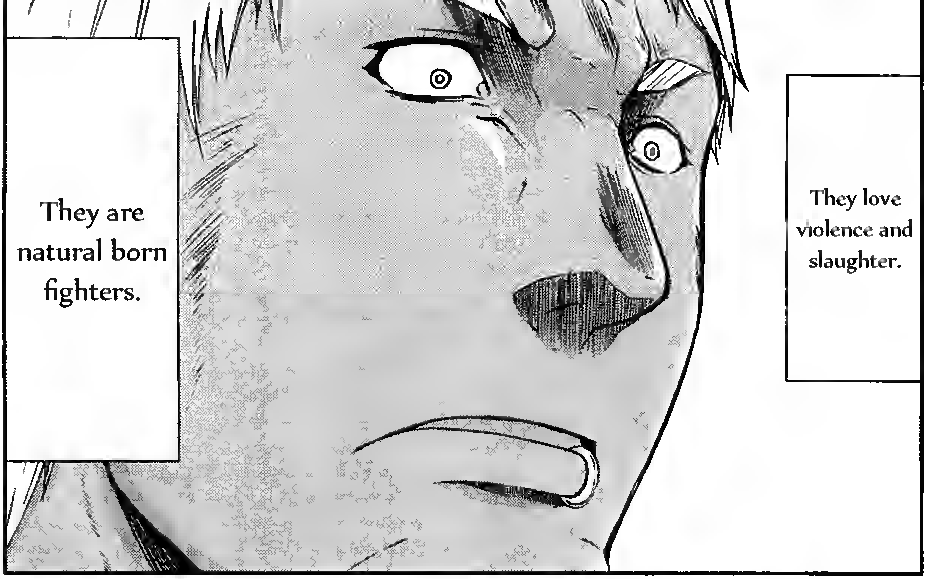

A huge carnivorous insect that originates in Indonesia.
Riokku, or *Sia ferox*.

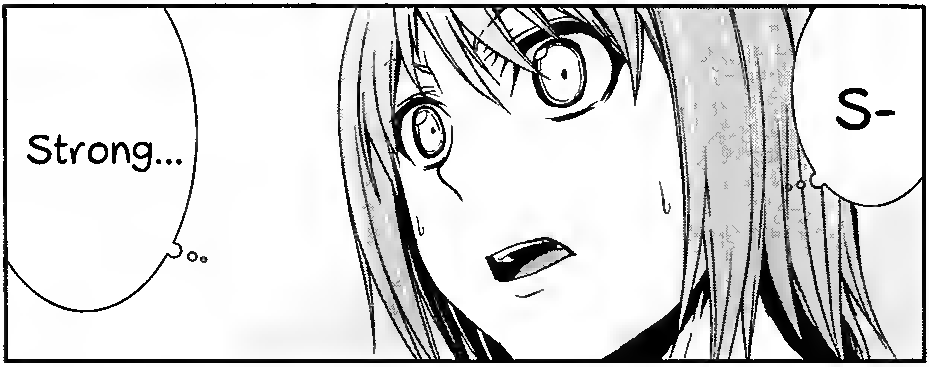

It is the world's biggest species of Korogisu or **King Cricket** in the Orthoptera order that also resides in Japan,
and the point about them being a predator is similar to a Kamadouma's, however...


Insects, arthropods,
and even creatures as large as small animals, are considered prey by them.


However, they ignore dead prey.
It is said that they show no interest in any prey that has already been thoroughly eaten


Their ferocity is the best in the insect kingdom.


They are natural born fighters.
They love violence and slaughter.


Strong...
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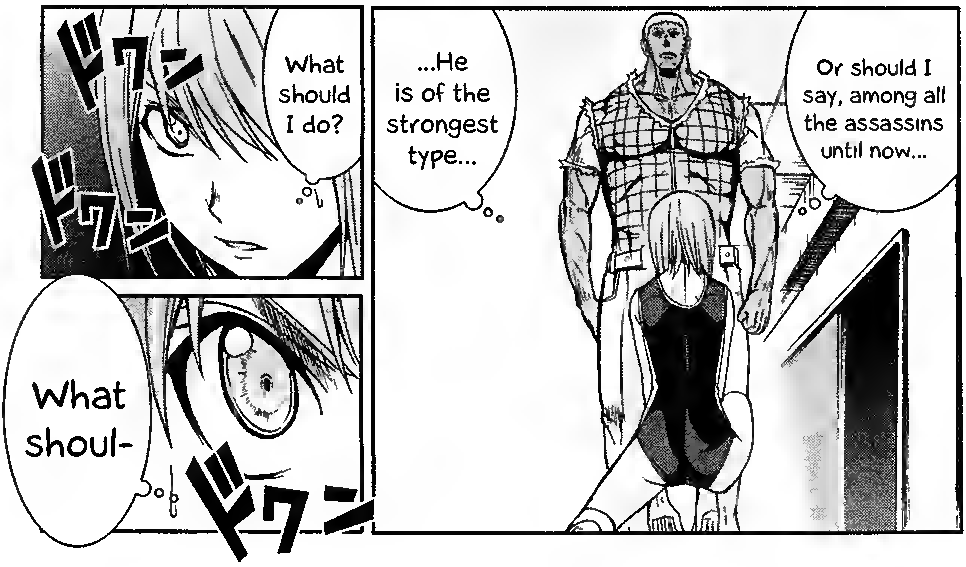
What should I do?
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What shoul-
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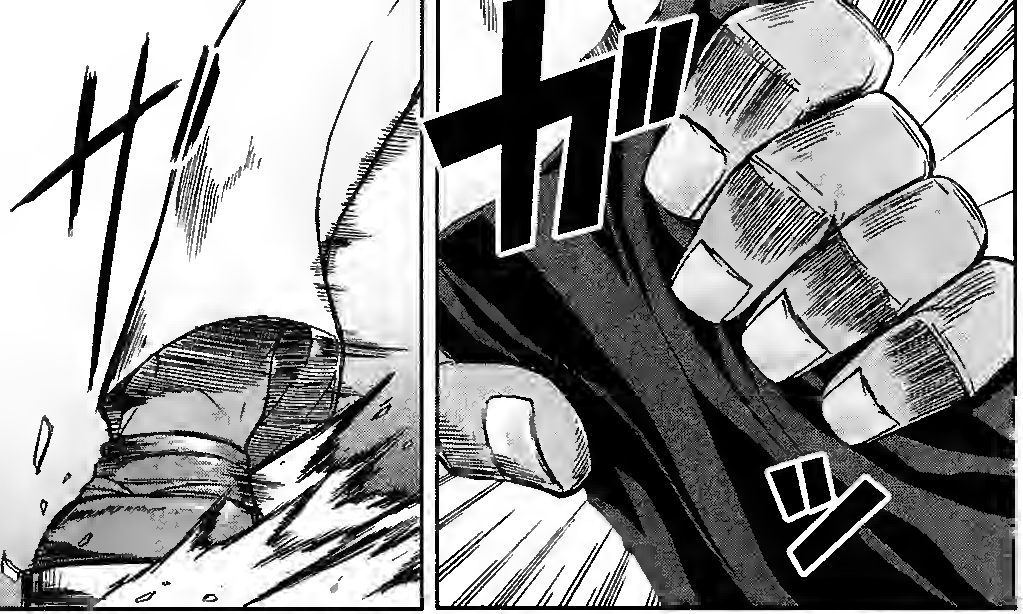
...He is of the strongest type...
Or should I say, among all the assassins until now...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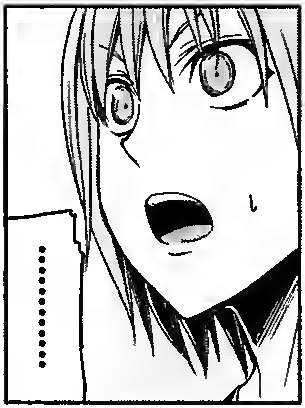
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I had heard a rumour...

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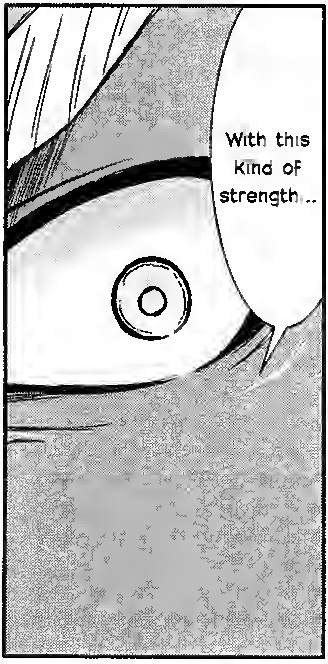
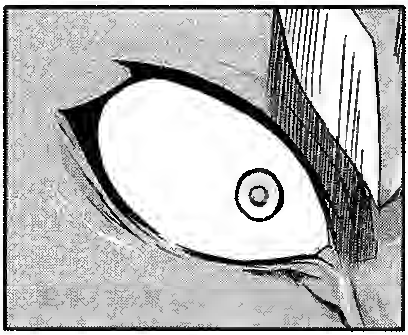
With an insect that...
...utilizes his or her own body as a weapon,

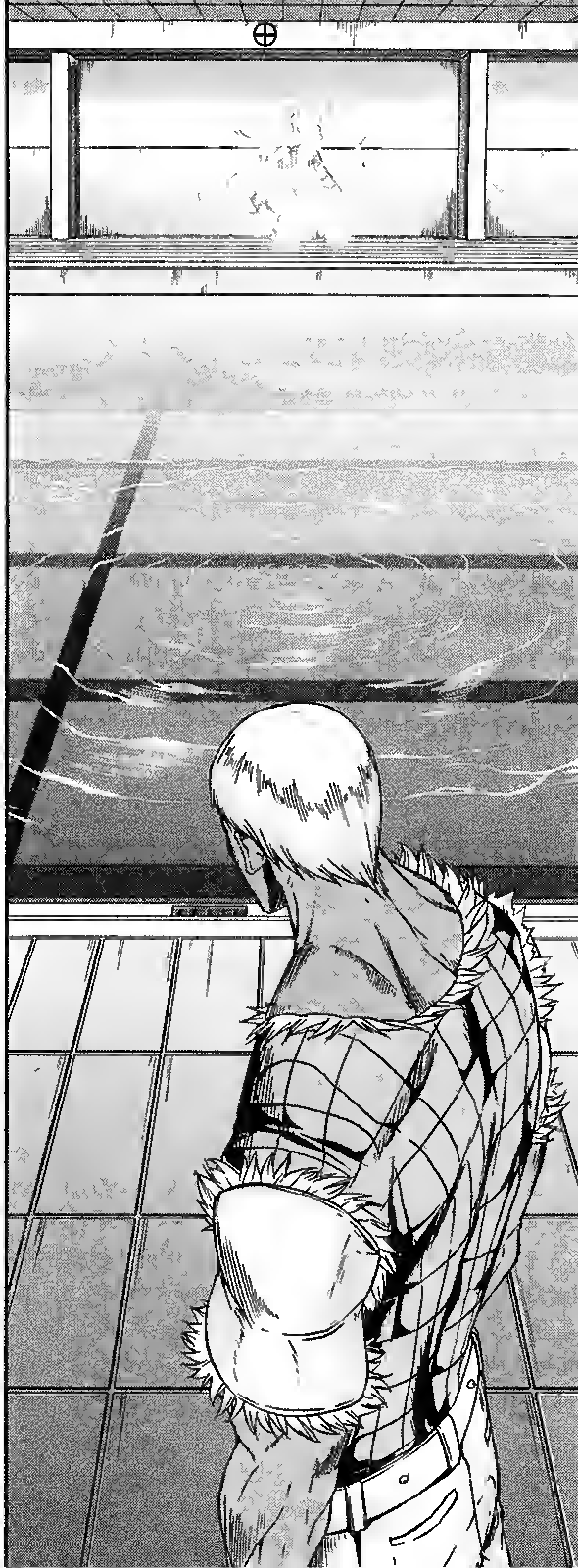
Since there are others apart from me who respect the Kahen Rider as well...


With this kind of strength...

one day, I would need to choose ***heaven or hell...***
I expected that,

What ...
...makes me laugh.
...Calling yourself the Kahen Rider...

Hmph.




Che-
Got away,
huh-

True Rider Kick
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WHAT NOW?!!
And now, yet another...
...evil has...

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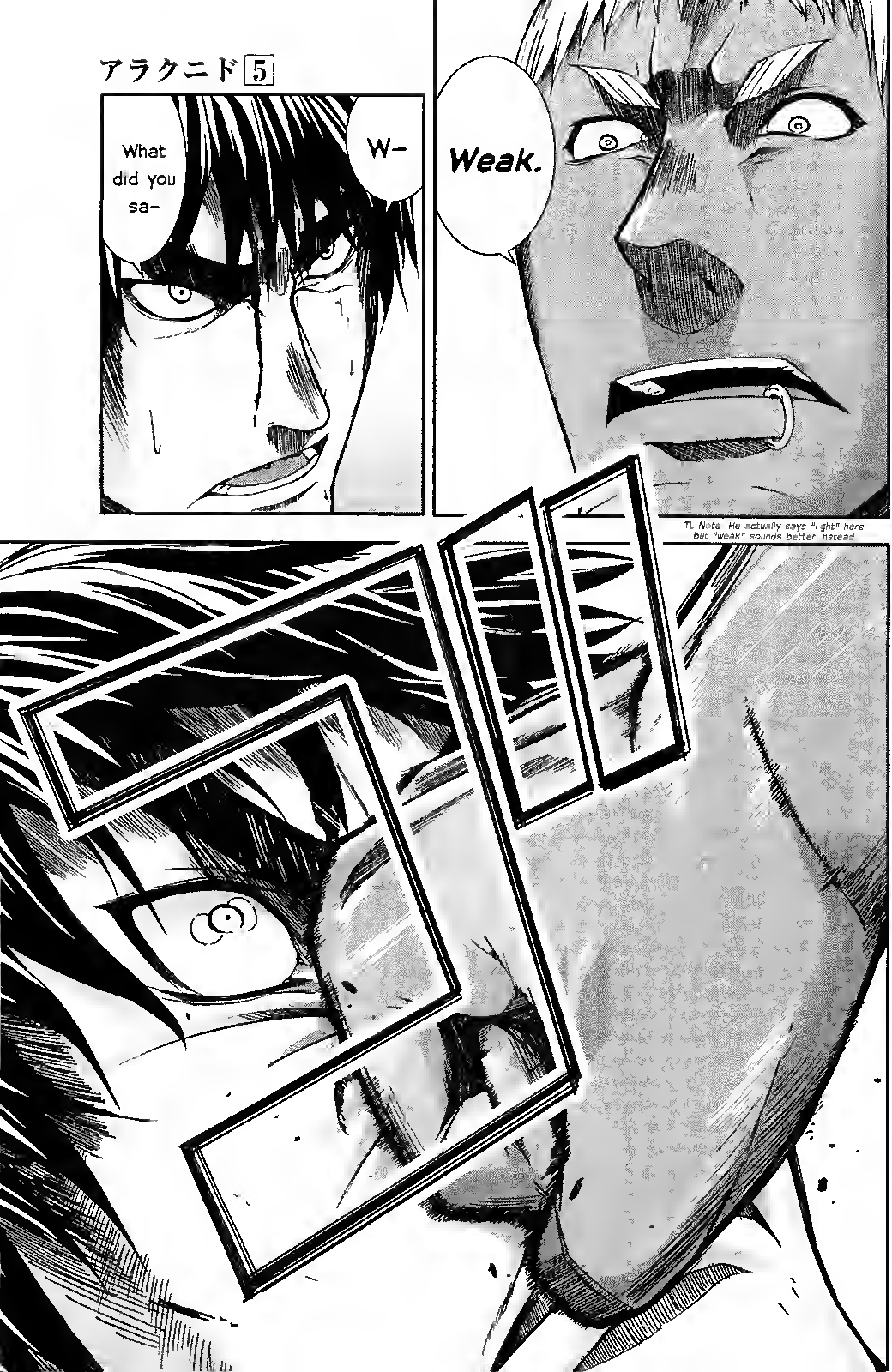
What did you sa-
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Weak.
TL Note: He actually says "light" here but "weak" sounds better instead.

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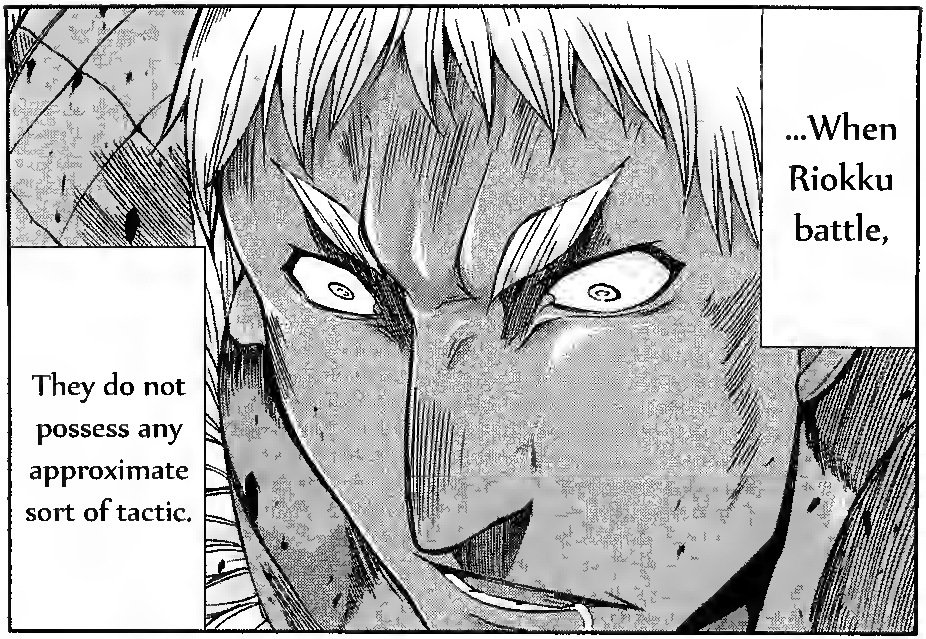
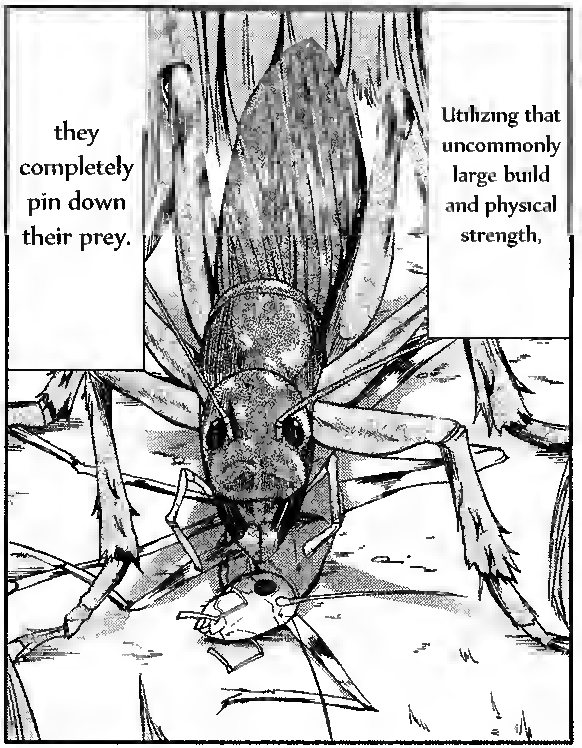
Using their developed hind legs,
they freely leap to hunt.
This is different from the Kama-douma...


...When Riokku battle,
They do not possess any approximate sort of tactic.

After that, it is simply dedicated...


they completely pin down their prey.
Utilizing that uncommonly large build and physical strength,

...mayhem only until they...
...reach their limits.

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[CALLING]
[発信中]
田嶋さん
TAJIMA-SAN
It's no good.
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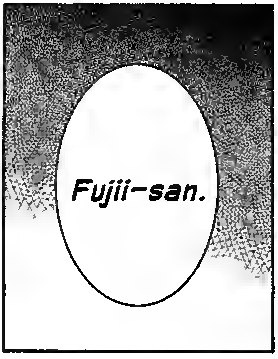
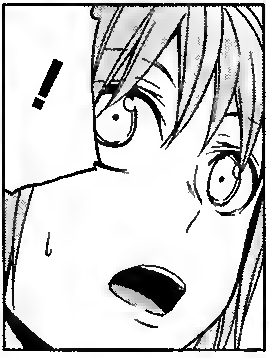
Then, those two..!
There's no answer...

If I don't return to the classroom...
Anyways, I must hurry

...similar to how I was..?!
Could they have been assaulted by an enemy


Fujii-san.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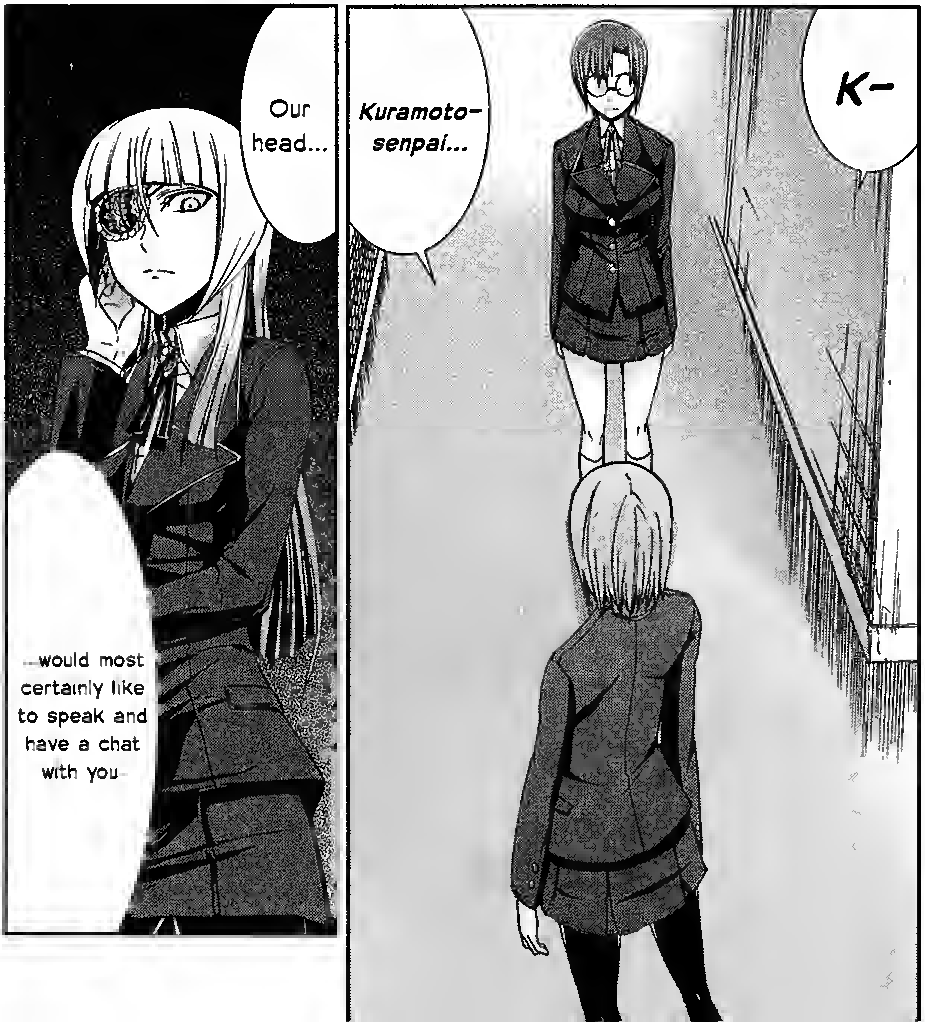
K-
Kuramoto-senpai...
Our head...
...would most certainly like to speak and have a chat with you

NOW REALLY ISN'T THE TIME FOR THAT...
I'M SORRY ...
ERM...
E-
Please come with me...
It's fine.
the student council is taking care of them.
If you're talking about Tajima-san and Oki-san,
Eh...

I beg you, Fujii-san
...What do you mean..?!
T-That is...
At any rate,
please come without saying anything.

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